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MEETING MINUTES

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council
Friday March 24, 2000, 9:00 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Capitol Extension Auditorium
Austin, Texas

Members Present: Edward Racht, MD, Chair; Raymond P. Holloway; F. E. Shaheen III, EMT-P; Peter D. Wolf, EMT-P; Maxie Bishop, Jr., LP; Lance Gutierrez, RN, LP; Gary D. Cheek, RN, EMT; John L. Simms; Judge Arlene N. Marshall; Frederick N. Hagedorn, MD; Mario Segura, RN; Rebecca Campuzano-Salcido; and Pattilou P. Dawkins. One position, representing an Urban Trauma Facility, remains vacant.

Members Absent: Joan E. Shook, MD

Meeting Overview: Welcoming remarks were made by Dr. Edward Racht. He also introduced Frederick N. Hagedorn, MD, who is representing the Emergency Physicians. Pattilou Dawkins made a motion that the council approve a resolution recognizing the victims of the recent Life Star helicopter crash and the arson fire in Houston. Mario Segura seconded it and all agreed.

Richard Bays, Associate Commissioner for Health Care Quality and Standards, briefed the council on current TDH/EMS issues including the legislatively-mandated regulatory review process, status regarding hiring of the Bureau Chief position, Interim House Public Health Committee charge regarding rural EMS issues, EMS/trauma systems funding issues, and planning for the upcoming 2001 Legislative Session. Kathryn Perkins, Acting Bureau Chief, reported on current priorities which included: distribution of FY00 EMS/trauma system funds, facilitation of this council's meetings, and preparation for the 2000 EMS Conference in Austin.

The council members discussed the procedural rules for the council.

Action Items:

A motion was made by Lance Gutierrez and seconded by Patti Dawkins to adopt the council's name to be the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC). All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

A motion was made by F. E. Shaheen and seconded by Raymond Holloway to adopt the proposed Council Procedural Rules with them having six standing committees and having ad hoc workgroups when necessary. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

Appointments:

Dr. Edward Racht appointed the standing Committee Chairs, as follows: Education Committee- Maxie Bishop, RN, LP; EMS Committee- Pete Wolf, EMT-P; Injury Prevention Committee- Mario Segura, RN; Medical Director Committee- Frederick N. Hagedorn, MD; Pediatric Committee- Joan E. Shook, MD; and Trauma Systems Committee- Lance Gutierrez, RN, LP.

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Trauma Registry Report:

David Zane, Director of Injury Epidemiology & Surveillance Program, briefed the council on proposed rules regarding the state Trauma Registry.

Public Comment:

Public comment was heard on the above issues.

Action Items :

A motion was made by F. E. Shaheen and seconded by Raymond Holloway to recommend final adoption of the rules relating to the state Trauma Registry. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

Discussion (Regional Advisory Council State Organization):

The proposed state association of Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) was discussed. RAC representatives clarified the probable goals of this group if it is formed.

General Public Comment:

There were public comments regarding the need to upgrade the state trauma registry, a request to clarify when the votes from yesterday's GETAC meeting would be implemented, and the need for long-range strategic planning for EMS/trauma systems.

Closing:

Dr Racht recounted the following:

1. Any person interested in serving on a standing committee should submit their name by 4/7/00,
2. Bureau staff will facilitate short presentations by EMS/Trauma Constituent/Stakeholder groups at the next GETAC meeting,
3. A workgroup will be set up to investigate hospital reimbursement issues in relation to alcohol/drug testing, and
4. There will likely be meetings set up to address the EMS re-certification issues.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.